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## REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claim 12 is noted with thanks.

Accordingly, the limitations of claim 11 (from which claim 12 depends) and claim 12 are added to claim 1, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance, and with it the claims that depend therefrom.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with claims previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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